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1. In the Kula district of Bulgaria, the organization of civilian paramilitary groups has been completed; these groups are now cooperating with the military border guards. Men in the groups, which generally number between 15 and 30 men, are all trusted Communists who have been given special training in small arms by the military. Each night one or more of the groups either patrols the frontier or remains hidden to await the alarm given by the border guards upon sighting illegal crossers. When the alarm is given, the group surrounds the area to assist in the capture. The leader of all the groups in the Kula district is known as "Baku," but his real name is believed to be Ivan Vitkov Ivanov.
2. In late December 1951, there was a new purge of "unreliable elements" living in the frontier zone of the Kula district. Many families who were considered to be antiregime were forced to move into the interior of the country.

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